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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 13, 1998 in the above-identified application. In lieu of filing a Brief on Appeal pursuant to the Notice of Appeal received in the U.S. Patent Office on September 14, 1998, Applicants are filing a Continued Prosecution Application.

A four-month extension of time for filing a Brief on Appeal is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time is being filed concurrently together with the appropriate fee.

Please amend the application as follows: